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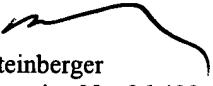
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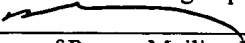

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed July 14, 2004, Applicant elects to prosecute with traverse
Invention Species one (1), Figures 1 – 2, with claims 1-5, 8, 14-16, 19 and 20 readable thereon.

Based on the restriction requirement Applicant lists claims identified by the methods readable thereon as
follows:

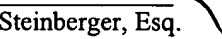
<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>FIGURES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>
1	1-2	1-5, 8, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20
2	3-4	1-3, 6, 8, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20
3	5-6	1-3, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20
4	7-8	1-3, 8, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20
5	9-10	1-5, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
6	11-12	1-5, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
7	13-14	1-5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
8	15-16	1-3, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20
9	17	1-3, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
10	18	1-3, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

In reference to the Restriction requirement, Applicants again wish to make their election to prosecute the
invention of Invention Species 1, Figures 1-2 with claims 1-5, 8, 14-16, 19, and 20 thereon. If further restrictions are
merited, please let us know. Applicants disagree with the restriction requirement for several reasons.

A policy consideration behind a restriction requirement would suggest that separate inventions exist that inherently would include separate prior art searches, examinations, examiners, etc. The Primary Examiner does not state that different art units and/or different examiners would need to search and examine the different inventions of Species 1-10. If Invention Species 1-10 can be searched by the same art unit and further by the same examiner, then having different examiners conduct separate searches and examinations would create an undue time and financial burden on both the patent office and on the applicant.

Thus, any restriction requirement could have the effect of having different examiners working on the other inventions. Further, multiple examinations on these inventions would be repetitive and excessive. For these reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

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